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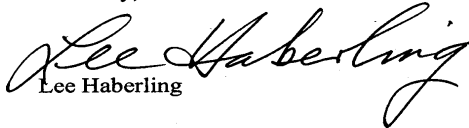
Dear Mr. Koenings;

I had the privilege of sitting through the Hunter Education Training, all seven sessions, that was conducted by Mr. Clare Cranston of Pasco, WA. My grandson who is 14 years old, wants to go deer hunting, therefore to help bond the relationship I wanted to be with him. Each session was three hours long except the Saturday session, which was over five hours.

I was extremely impressed at the thoroughness of this training. They covered modern rifles, black powder, bow hunting, safety (first aid), how to hunt safely, conservation and many other subjects of concern. These young people had hands on training with all kinds of rifles, shotguns and handguns. Also taught was the importance of sportsmanship and the respect of others (their property and person) and the necessity of game management. Last, but not least, they had to demonstrate that they could shoot a rifle (that was air rifles). One of the most important points of interest to me was how and who would pass this training and who would get their Hunter Education Permits. I can tell you that not all got the permits. Some may have passed the written test but had too many demerits at the end to receive the permit, immaturity.

My hats off to Mr. Cranston. This man gives of himself each year to many of these classes. What a wonderful asset he is to the community, county and state. I shall be indebted to him forever for this wonderful experience my grandson and I received.

Sincerely,

  
Lee Haberling

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